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Application No.: 10/619048

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Title: HEAT TREATED PROFILE EXTRUDED HOOK

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**Commissioner for Patents  
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April 1, 2005

Judy L. Hansen  
Signed by Judy L. Hansen

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2005. Claims 20-30 and 34-40 are pending. Claims 20-30 and 34-40 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

I. Claims 20-30 are said to be drawn to a process of making a fastener, classified in Class 264, subclass 167;

II. Claims 34-40 are said to be drawn to a fastener product, classified in Class 24, subclass 452;

**Election**

In response, Applicants elect Group I, without traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

**Conclusion**

Applicants have elected Group I. Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

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It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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